1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Western	Maharashtra	560	40	4200	107	7147
	Goa	11	1	60	1	15
	Daman & Diu, Dadra, N.H.	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL:	4707	304	36868	912	69652

Compulsory education for children

797. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a policy of compulsory education for children, particularly in rural areas;

(b) if not, whether Government propose to bring in an amendment or a new policy to make education compulsory; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The 86th Constitutional Amendment Act inserted Article 21A in the Constitution which makes education a Fundamental Right for children in the age group of 6-14 years by providing that *"the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of six to fourteen years in such manner as the State may, by law, determine"*. Section 1(2) of the 86th Constitutional Amendment Act provides that *'it shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint'*. A draft Model Right to Education Bill for enactment by States, spelling out broad parameters and features for achieving the Constitutional mandate of free and compulsory education was drafted and circulated as framework to the States/UTs to seek their comments thereon.

HIV/AIDS affected children in schools

798. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE has evolved any policies on the manners in which schools should treat HIV/AIDS affected children;

(b) whether it is a fact that such children are being made to sit separately in schools;

(c) the action CBSE have initiated against such delinquent schools as on date; and

(d) the steps proposed by CBSE to conduct searches and inspections of schools to enforce a code of conduct?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Central Board Secondary Education (CBSE) is implementing Adolescence Education Programmme (AEP) which aims to empower young learners with awareness and information regarding